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The United Missionary Campaign

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The Interdenominational Campaign

On March 19, 1913 a joint meeting was held in New York City of duly appointed representatives of the Conference of Foreign Missions Boards of North America and of the Home Missions Council of the United States, to confer concerning the desirability and feasibility of a united campaign for the introduction of adequate methods of education and finance throughout the churches of North America, to the end that the Church may discharge its full missionary responsibility both at home and abroad. In the spirit of prayer the conference came to the unanimous conclusion that the time has arrived for such a united missionary campaign.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement was requested to take general charge of the organization and direction of the interdenominational conference features of the united campaign, and the Missionary Education Movement was asked to formulate a plan for the educational features of the campaign in consultation with the educational departments of the Boards.

Our Reformed Program

The Boards of Home Missions and Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church by official action endorsed the United Missionary Campaign and each appointed three members to represent them in carrying on the work. These persons met at Mt. Gretna, Pa., on August 5th, and outlined plans and chose additional members. At a meeting held several weeks later, officers were chosen and committees on Evangelism, Education, Field Campaign and Finance were appointed.

All of the Synods discussed the Campaign at their meetings held in September and October and gave it their endorsement.

Classical Campaign Committees have been or are being organized in the Classes in order that all the congregations may be reached.

Every Congregation is urged to join in this campaign for definite Christian service and systematic giving for benevolences.

This brings the message to every one of our 306,337 Members and is an appeal to you.

The Working Plan

To prepare the churches of the whole country for full participation, a great field campaign is now being conducted. Interdenominational conferences, under strong leadership, are now being held in upward of 500 cities and towns. They begin with an evening session and continue through the following day and evening. About 100 of these conferences are being held in Reformed centers and by hearty cooperation in them our pastors and members are receiving much help for the work in their own congregations.

In January and February, denominational conferences are being held in many of our classes. Sometimes these are in connection with special meetings of the classes. Then should follow meetings of all the members of congregations or groups of congregations.

Congregations and members should make their plans and begin active work immediately.

From January to Easter every congregation should conduct a campaign of evangelism with the object of deepening the spiritual life of the members and the winning of others to Christ.

The Campaign is in the interests of the entire missionary work of the Church and aims at the enlistment of the entire membership. The plan involves the concentration of the whole force of the whole Church upon its whole task.

How Each Congregation Should Cooperate Now

Have a Missionary Committee appointed at once if you have none. If you have an inactive one, see that some life is put into it.

Be represented by pastor, missionary committee, officers and as many members as possible at the Campaign Conferences.

Decide by vote of the consistory to join in the Nation-wide Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass in March, for weekly offerings for home and foreign missions and all regular benevolences.

If not already using it, take action endorsing the weekly Duplex envelope for use immediately after the canvass.

The Educational Program

Each of the 431 Congregational Missionary Committees so far appointed should launch at once an educational program including the following features:

1. Distribute the Campaign literature.
2. Organize Mission Study Classes.
3. Place "The Outlook of Missions" and a Church paper in every home.
4. Conduct a Missionary Discussion Group for Men—to help in training the canvassers.

For a fuller discussion of the above see "Suggestions from the Committee on Education." For detailed information write the committee mentioned at the address herewith.

New missionary committees should start on this program as soon as appointed.

What You Can Do

You can make sure that the message of this leaflet is known and understood in your congregation.

You can help to secure the adoption of the plan in your congregation.

You can do your share as pastor, church officer, committeeman, canvasser, or otherwise, to make the plan successful.

"Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God."

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